TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE





SB 1555 - HB 1714

March 6, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Effective January 1, 2021, authorizes voters to request an application to vote absentee by an online form that has the ability to upload a scanned signature.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-202(a)(3), a voter may currently request an application to vote absentee by mail, facsimile, or e-mail with an attached document that includes a scanned signature.
- The proposed legislation would require an online form to be available for a voter to submit personal information, along with the ability to upload a scanned signature.
- It is assumed the Department of State will develop the form and distribute to county election commissions electronically.
- As an application to vote absentee is currently available on the Department of State website, it is estimated that developing and distributing a form, with the ability to upload a scanned signature, can be accomplished within existing resources.
- No significant impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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